

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1178
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Larry D. Kirk on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Larry D. Kirk is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for forty years in the electric utility industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk, who was born in Yazoo City, Mississippi, attended the University of Mississippi and Delta State University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Larry Kirk commenced his career in the public power industry in 1967 with Mississippi Power and Light Company; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, Mr. Kirk has served as General Manager of the Murfreesboro Electric Department, in which position he has earned the respect of his fellow workers and the citizens of Murfreesboro for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a devoted professional, Larry Kirk will be taking a much deserved retirement on June 30, 2006, after twenty-four years of service with the Murfreesboro Electric Department; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader in his trade, he has served as a valued member of several boards, including the Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association, for which he stood as a member of the Board of Directors and as President; the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association; the American Public Power Association; the Middle Tennessee Industrial Development Association, which he currently serves on the Board of Directors and previously

served as President; and the TVA Central District Managers Association, which he once served as President; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community, Mr. Kirk has contributed his time and numerous talents to many noteworthy civic organizations and their boards, including the Rotary Club; the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a past President; the Board of Directors of the Rutherford County United Way, which he served as President in 1986; the Board of Directors of the Rutherford County Crime Stoppers Association, for which he stood as Chairman in 1990; the Board of Trustees of the MTSU Development Foundation; the Noon Rotary Club; the Board of Directors of the Heart of Tennessee Chapter of the American Red Cross; the Blue Raider Athletic Association, which he serves as a member of the board and as President; the Rutherford County Sportsman's Club; and the advisory boards of The Tennessee Vocational Rehabilitation Center, the Rutherford County Food Bank, Community Helpers, and the American Heart Association of Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot, Mr. Kirk served in the United States Army Special Forces between 1966 and 1967 and as a proud member of the Special Forces National Guard from 1967 until 1972; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Larry Kirk always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; he is perhaps most thankful for the love and support of his wife, Elaine, a teacher at Eagleville School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Larry Kirk has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Mr. Larry D. Kirk for his meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.